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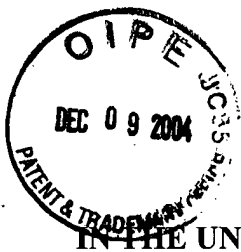
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Applicant submits herewith formal drawings for the above-referenced application.

Applicant requests the Examiner to acknowledge receipt of the formal drawings and approve them for purposes of any patent that may issue from the pending application.

Respectfully submitted,

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